



Will You Help Bring Back The Boys Of This Community?

The supreme tragedies of war are not enacted on the battlefield, but in the home. Above the shouts of command and encouragement, the roar and shock of the great guns, and all the

swelling tumult of battle which bear the husband and father to a hero's grave and a martyr's glory, there rise the weeping of the bereaved wife and the cries of little children deprived of a father's

love and care.

American fathers are now on the battlefronts of France. Many must fall; how many depends upon us who remain safely at home.

A SINGLE LIBERTY BOND WILL HELP TO SAVE A SOLDIER'S LIFE, YOUR SOLDIER'S LIFE, AND BRING HIM HOME IN SAFETY TO THOSE WHO HOLD HIS LIFE FAR MORE PRECIOUS THAN THEIR OWN.

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McMILLAN NOTES. By Wm. Hickman.

The service flag of McMillan High School arrived last week. It contained 72 stars for McMillan fellows in the military service of their country, and one gold star for Corporal more stars will be added in the near future. As yet no ceremony has been held in honor of the flag, but it is not doubtful that some form dedicatory exercises will be held in the near future. As there is not room enough for the two flags on the flag pole, perhaps the school will get a taller flag staff.

The flag for the use of the McMillan Battalion of Cadet Corps was presented to and received by Company A last Wednesday with military honors.

Dr. J. B. Hawkins, field secretary of Washington University, delivered a very inspiring address before the McMillan assembly last Thursday on the subject of "Education and the Present Crisis." The speaker stressed the importance of college and university training at the present time, and showed that students should keep up their school work. After the assembly, he spoke to the Senior Class in behalf of Washington University.

The McMillan Debating Club held its last meeting for the year last Thursday. The record of the club showed a successful existence, and it is hoped that even a better club may be had next year.

Perhaps one of the best entertainments ever given by a grade school in Mexico was staged Friday night in McMillan Auditorium when the Central School pupils under the direction of Miss Maud Wallace presented a Chautauqua. The affair was a success from every standpoint. There was a crowded house, and the proceeds netted over \$100. Miss Wallace is to be congratulated upon the success of her efforts.

The McMillan Cadet Corps and the McMillan Girls participated in the big patriotic parade Monday afternoon. The students were in charge of Major J. C. Stoy, Commandant at McMillan. The military

and physical training of the students showed its value in the manner in which they conducted themselves.

PRAIRIE LEA LETTER.

Little Anna Holtcamp who was severely burned is getting along as well as could be hoped for.

A baby boy came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klusman.

Several of the meen reshingled the schoolhouse Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Erdle who has been quite sick with measles is now up and around.

Private Ellis Davis of Camp Funston spent Sunday with homefolks.

Rodgers Hays is home from school duties at Columbia to work on the farm.

Miss Elizabeth O'Brien closed her school Saturday, April 6th.

Private Tom Shire who underwent an operation in the hospital at Kelly Field is reported progressing nicely.

Little Sunday School celebrated the 22nd anniversary Sunday. Several of the old members talked and plans were made to increase the attendance in the future.

Julia Pierce has been out of school this week on account of sickness.

MRS. WILLIAMS DEAD.

Mrs. Hulda Harned Williams, wife of Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism at Columbia, died at her home Tuesday, the 9th instant. She had been in declining health for a year or more. Besides her husband she leaves two children, Mrs. J. F. Rhodes, of Ayer, Mass., and Edw. Moss Williams.

The funeral was held yesterday. Mrs. Williams was the sister-in-law of Mrs. H. B. Barks of this city. Rev. and Mrs. Barks and Mrs. R. D. Worrell and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Barks, Jr., of St. Louis, were in attendance at the funeral. Mrs. R. D. Worrell and Mrs. Williams were schoolmates at Hardin College and graduated from that institution in the same class some years ago.

BEAVER DAM LETTER.

A fine rain Saturday night. It was greatly needed. Wheat looks as fine as you ever saw.

A large acreage of oats was sown by our farmers, and it all looks fine. Most everybody thru breaking ground for corn.

Nearly all the housewives are herding young chickens.

Most everybody around here has had the measles and the mumps this winter.

James Sims is feeding a fine bunch of lambs for the market.

Willard Crockett of north of Mexico spent the week-end with his parents in this neighborhood, Mr. and Mrs. hCarley Crockett.

The people of Audral county have learned when to say no and when to say yes. They voted the county dry with no and with yes have voted a hospital.

This community was greatly shocked Sunday morning when Durb Adkins of Mexico came out this way and shot and killed his father-in-law and his mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan McCowan, and his wife and then himself. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the community.

Peerless Poultry Fence turns rabbits, cats, chickens, pigs, calves, etc. Dry & Sappington.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ARMY.

Thomas Carver Brown, son of T. B. Brown, south of Farber, has volunteered for army service. He had been placed in Class III, but relinquished his claim for deferred classification. He wants to have a hand in licking the Hun right away quick.

Mr. and Mrs. Other Nevens of near Thompson, are the proud parents of a new son.

All are glad to see Ed. Kunkel able to take hold of work and business again. He is back on the task of carrying the mail over R. F. D. No. 3 out of Mexico. He is in possession of his old time health again.

Thomas P. Noel of Loutre township announces thru The Message this week as a candidate for County Collector. He says he never had any other postoffice address than Martinsburg. He is one of that community's very best citizens.

New Perfection and Monarch Oil stoves and ovens. Now is the time to buy. Dry & Sappington.

W. H. McIntire of the Vandalla Mail was in Mexico Tuesday in his auto to meet his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. F. McIntire, of Wellington, Kan. She is circuit clerk of her county. They paid The Message a pleasant call. This is Mrs. McIntire's first visit in Missouri since she was a child. She is a bright and intelligent woman.

Charles R. Harris who bought the R. L. McClure farm, southeast of Mexico, is reported a hustler by his neighbors. He is making things move on the farm.

Five divorce cases have already been filed for the next term of the Circuit Court.

Buy the Diabolo cream Separator. 300 pound machine, \$50. 600 pound machine, \$75.00. Dry & Sappington.

SILVER-GAY NUPTIALS.

Mr. Arthur M. Silver, formerly of Mexico, a brother of Mrs. W. R. Salles, also formerly of this city but now of Casper, Wyoming, was married recently to Miss Leona S. Gay of Maplewood, Mo. The wedding was at Casper, Wyoming. Mr. Silver is in army training at Camp Funston.

Plant your corn with a new Blackhawk or John Deere Cornplanter. Don't take chances on the old one. Dry & Sappington.

Good stock of nice fresh garden seed. Dry & Sappington.

MRS. MOLLIE FRENCH.

Dies Of Pneumonia—Had Lived in Mexico All Her Life.

Mrs. Mollie French, 64 years old, wife of the late W. H. French, died last Thursday afternoon of pneumonia. Four years ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which she never fully recovered.

Mrs. French had lived in Mexico all her life. She was married to W. H. French in 1898. There were no children. The funeral was held at the home by Rev. H. P. Atkins, burial in Elmwood cemetery.

Paint up your property. Buy the BEST paint from us. Call and investigate. Dry & Sappington.

MRS. O'HEARN DEAD.

Mrs. Wm. O'Hearn died at her home in Laddonia Saturday. She had been ill a long time. The husband and one son, Francis O'Hearn, survive. Mrs. O'Hearn was a sister, also, of Mrs. Dan Quinlan of Mexico.

Buy Peerless Woven Wire Fencing. Big stock. Dry & Sappington.

DUNN GETS THERE.

C. A. Dunn of Mexico, local representative for the National Life and Accident Co. of Nashville, Tenn., has been notified that his name will appear on the "Honor Roll" of the company's next Quarterly for efficient service and progress in the first three months of 1918.

It is an honor that each member of the field force of the entire country covets and which not many attain.

His friends will no doubt be pleased to learn of his success.

There will be services at the Evangelical Church in Rush Hill preached in English on April 14, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. Services conducted by Reverend Haffner. Everyone cordially invited.

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Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Lydia M. Renie, deceased, that the undersigned administrator of said estate intends to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court, in the County of Audrain, State of Missouri, to be holden at the Court House, in the City of Mexico, in said county, on the second Monday in May, 1918.

JOHN S. RENIE, Administrator.
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